AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following centered subheading on page 1, before line 4:

TECHNICAL FIELD

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, as follows:

The invention relates to the control of access to shared resources, and in particular to the management of ontologies used in navigating such resources. In order that information from different sources can be integrated, it is necessary to agree on a common set of definitions, terminology and classification systems. Such a set is known as an ontology. Such ontologies provide the basis under which technical standards, and bibliographical and similar classification systems are generated.

Please insert the following centered subheading on page 1, before line 10:

BACKGROUND

Please insert the following centered subheading on page 2, before line 21:

SUMMARY

Please insert the following centered subheading on page 4, before line 32:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following centered subheading on page 5, before line 7:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 14, as follows:

The process starts when a user, through his respective client agent 21a, presents a proposed change of a resource (step 40). This may be the assertion, or retraction, of a property of an existing ontology, or it may be the introduction of a new ontology, using the import function 25. This proposal is passed by the server ~~sever~~ agent 22 to the edit and query function 26. The edit and query function 26 first refers to the user profile 24a, to determine whether the user has the necessary access rights to make the proposed change (step 41). These access rights may be determined according to the current moderation value for that user and the quality value of the ontology resource to be modified, such that valuable resources (having a high value) cannot be interfered with by unreliable users (having a low moderation value).